

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Smith et al.

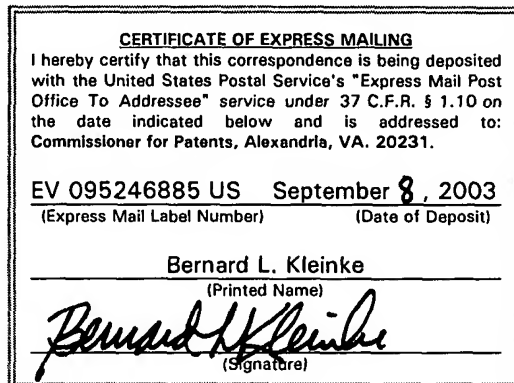
Title: ELECTRONIC COMPONENT
RACK ASSEMBLY AND
METHOD

Appl. No.:

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER RULE 1.102(d)

MAIL STOP – PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
PO BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Petition to Make Special the above-identified patent application. The grounds and conditions for granting this application special status are found in MPEP Section 708.02 VIII entitled "Special Examining Procedure for Certain New Applications – Accelerated Examination."

In support of this Petition, the Applicant:

- A. Submits a Credit Card Payment Form to cover the \$130.00 Petition fee required pursuant to Section 1.17(h);
- B. Presents all claims directed to a single invention;
- C. Submits the Statement of Bernard L. Kleinke that a pre-examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication etc.;
- D. Submits one copy of each of the foreign references from the search that is deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims on the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement;
- E. Submits a DETAILED DISCUSSION OF REFERENCES and how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references;

F. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.6-1.7, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502635. If the enclosed payment by Credit Card Payment Form or by check is unsigned or missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 502635.

Accordingly, the Applicant requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and that the application undergo accelerated examination.

Date: September 8, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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